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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4157, AS REPORTED BY THE  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
OFFERED BY MR. FERGUSON AND MR. TOWNS**

[Page and Line Numbers refer to SUBCOMEC002 of June 9,  
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Add at the end of title I [page 20, after line 16] the  
following new section:

1 SEC. 106. GRANTS TO INTEGRATED HEALTH SYSTEMS TO  
2 PROMOTE HEALTH INFORMATION TECH-  
3 NOLOGIES TO IMPROVE COORDINATION OF  
4 CARE FOR THE UNINSURED, UNDERINSURED,  
5 AND MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED.

6 Subpart I of part D of title III of the Public Health  
7 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b et seq.) is amended by adding  
8 at the end the following:

9 "GRANTS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE COORDINATION OF  
10 CARE FOR THE UNINSURED, UNDERINSURED, AND  
11 MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED

12 "SEC. 330M. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may  
13 make grants to integrated health care systems, in accord-  
14 ance with this section, for projects to better coordinate the  
15 provision of health care through the adoption of new  
16 health information technology, or the significant improve-

1 ment of existing health information technology, to improve  
2 the provision of health care to uninsured, underinsured,  
3 and medically underserved individuals (including in urban  
4 and rural areas) through health-related information about  
5 such individuals, throughout such a system and at the  
6 point of service.

7 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—

8 “(1) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a  
9 grant under this section, an integrated health care  
10 system shall prepare and submit to the Secretary an  
11 application, at such time, in such manner, and con-  
12 taining such information as the Secretary may re-  
13 quire, including—

14 “(A) a description of the project that the  
15 system will carry out using the funds provided  
16 under the grant;

17 “(B) a description of the manner in which  
18 the project funded under the grant will advance  
19 the goal specified in subsection (a); and

20 “(C) a description of the populations to be  
21 served by the adoption or improvement of  
22 health information technology.

23 “(2) OPTIONAL REPORTING CONDITION.—The  
24 Secretary may also condition the provision of a  
25 grant to an integrated health care system under this

1 section for a project on the submission by such sys-  
2 tem to the Secretary of a report on the impact of  
3 the health information technology adopted (or im-  
4 proved) under such project on the delivery of health  
5 care and the quality of care (in accordance with ap-  
6 plicable measures of such quality). Such report shall  
7 be at such time and in such form and manner as  
8 specified by the Secretary.

9 “(c) INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE SYSTEM DE-  
10 FINED.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘integrated  
11 health care system’ means a system of health care pro-  
12 viders that is organized to provide care in a coordinated  
13 fashion and has a demonstrated commitment to provide  
14 uninsured, underinsured, and medically underserved indi-  
15 viduals with access to such care.

16 “(d) PRIORITIES.—In making grants under this sec-  
17 tion, the Secretary shall give priority to an integrated  
18 health care system—

19 “(1) that can demonstrate past successful com-  
20 munity-wide efforts to improve the quality of care  
21 provided and the coordination of care for the unin-  
22 sured, underinsured, and medically underserved; or

23 “(2) if the project to be funded through such a  
24 grant—

1                   “(A) will improve the delivery of health  
2                   care and the quality of care provided; and

3                   “(B) will demonstrate savings for State or  
4                   Federal health care benefits programs or enti-  
5                   ties legally obligated under Federal law to pro-  
6                   vide health care from the reduction of duplica-  
7                   tive health care services, administrative costs,  
8                   and medical errors.

9           “(e) LIMITATION, MATCHING REQUIREMENT, AND  
10   CONDITIONS.—

11           “(1) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of  
12           the funds provided under a grant made under this  
13           section may be used for a project providing for the  
14           adoption or improvement of health information tech-  
15           nology that is used exclusively for financial record  
16           keeping, billing, or other non-clinical applications.

17           “(2) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—To be eligible  
18           for a grant under this section an integrated health  
19           care system shall contribute non-Federal contribu-  
20           tions to the costs of carrying out the project for  
21           which the grant is awarded in an amount equal to  
22           \$1 for each \$5 of Federal funds provided under the  
23           grant.

1       “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
2   are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
3   \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 and 2008.”.